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MTD Board Approves Budget and Discount Pass Program

The Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) Board of Directors today approved the FY03/04 budget, including a newly structured fare program.

Regular MTD riders will benefit from a new, \$41, unlimited, 30-day discount pass. Seniors and the disabled will be able to purchase this pass for \$18 and youth for \$32. This new pass will provide unlimited access to all MTD buses, seven days a week, providing a significant cost savings for daily riders.

The cost of the 10-ride bus pass program remains unchanged. However, the 10-ride youth pass currently valid on school days only; will now be accepted year-round, Monday-Friday.

The regular, one-way cash fare will now be \$1.25, up from \$1.00 (senior/disabled: 60¢, up from 50¢).

MTD's new fares and discount passes will be implemented on or before October 1, 2003.

	Cash Fare	10-Ride Pass	Unlimited, 30-Day Pass
Reg, Adult	\$1.25	\$10.00	\$41.00
Youth	\$1.25	\$7.50	\$32.00
Senior/Disabled	\$.60	\$5.00	\$18.00

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